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Office Action Summary

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JENNINGS, CHARLES

Examiner

Robert W. Gibson, Jr.

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-53 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 29-45 and 47-53 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 11, 13, 14, 20, 28 and 46 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 5-10, 12, 15-19 and 21-27 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 04 November 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 11/4/03.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

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1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-4, 11, 13, and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Rosenberg '253.

It should be noted, that in these claims applicant is not claiming the clothing rack. Therefore, all reference in the claims to a) positioning of the display apparatus on "the rack", b) relative dimensions of the display apparatus with respect to "the clothing rack", etc. are of no patentable weight.

3. Claim 46 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, fourth paragraph, as failing to further specify a further limitation of the claimed subject matter.

In this regard, this claim does not further limit the "display apparatus" of claim 45, and only refers to the "product display rack", which is not being claimed.

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4. Claims 1, 13, 14, 20, and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tintary '634.

It should be noted, that in these claims applicant is not claiming the clothing rack. Therefore, all reference in the claims to a) positioning of the display apparatus on "the rack", b) relative dimensions of the display apparatus with respect to "the clothing rack", etc. are of no patentable weight.

5. Claims 5-10, 12, 15-19, and 21-27 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

6. Claims 29-45, and 47-53 are allowed.

7. The patents to Watkins, Alneng, et al., Morgan, et al., Kent, et al., Sanchez-Levin, et al., Neitzke, et al., and Grunwaldt are cited to show similar structures.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to

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Robert W. Gibson, Jr. whose telephone number is 703-308-2168. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:30 to 4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lanna Mai can be reached on 703-308-2486. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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